

Sport important for everyone in Sweden—Gibber

...This week sports editor Denis Gibbons continues a series on his sports and physical education tour of Europe with a report on the group's five day stay in Stockholm.



SPORTS EDITOR Denis Gibbons comes barreling across the finish line, after his introduction to orienteering.

Sweden, at the Boson Sports College, introduction to a refreshing new sport, orienteering and a few capsule comments about the people and life in Stockholm.

By Denis Gibbons
There's something very sensible about life in Sweden, as I saw it during a short five day visit. The breakfast we enjoyed the first morning at Boson on the island of Lidingö was not the least of the common sense features which impressed me.

There were no greasy bacon and eggs to disrupt the normal digestive system and coffee, although available, wasn't getting the attention more wholesome drinks like milk and berry juice were. Instead, oatmeal, cold meal, cheese and rye crisp with honey butter were on the menu to give us the energy to begin a week of study and sports activity.

Boson itself, is located in a peaceful area, which very much resembles Ontario's Muskoka district. Yet, it's only 20 Stanley and Paul Amos of Orillia teamed up to master first. The green area was leaced with tracks with electrical lights for night time use. The tracks are used for cross-country running and hiking in the summer-time and cross-country skiing during the winter. Dressing rooms with showers and sauna and a cafeteria were included in the municipally-owned fitness centre.

For those who prefer more organized sports, the Swedish Sports Federation includes 53 specialist federations, which operate some 15,000 sports clubs in the country. There are 250,000 active sports leaders in Sweden ready to be of help to persons wishing to learn a new activity. These leaders are required to take courses and also attend clinics to improve their qualifications. Activities in sports clubs range from common team sports like ice hockey and soccer to more individual sports

minutes from downtown Stockholm and easy to reach by public transportation. The Baltic Sea lies below the comfortable dormitories and physical education facilities, which are perched on rock. A track, soccer field, tennis courts, gymnasium, swimming pool and modern lecture theatre are there for Swedish athletes in training to use.

While Boson and the GII Institute in Stockholm are used for the training of athletes, coaches and physical education teachers, the emphasis in this beautiful country of 8 million is definitely on "Sport for All."

"We're now discussing the possibility of a 30 hour work week in Sweden," Professor Anders Lamdin explained to us. "Recreation and activity will become more and more important."

According to Lamdin, the main preference of Swedes is for open air activities. "Every man's right" is a rule by which people are allowed to pick flowers and berries in the woods, for instance, but are also responsible for maintaining natural surroundings.

On the third day of our Stockholm visit we were introduced to a refreshing new sport, orienteering, one which combines the fine elements of competition with the health benefits of being out in good old-fashioned country fresh air. The idea, as many readers may already know, is to find your way as quickly as possible about a route marked with flags and trees, using a map which illustrates the terrain and your own common sense. The two mile course I ran with partner Susan Allard of Montreal included eight stations, which we had to find, then have a card punched to prove we'd been there.

Stockby Community Fitness Centre, a sporting complex located in a huge green area served as the starting point for the course, which our group leader Dr. Phil

like rifle shooting and cycling. Surprisingly enough, we were told that as recently as 1965 the most popular sport in Sweden was badminton.

Financial support for the sports clubs, which offer activities for both competition and fun participants comes from the Swedish government. Last year the Swedish Sports Federation received 20 million dollars from the federal government.

The Swedish people, as I found them, were serious and sometimes difficult to get

to know, yet as kind and capable of having a good time as your could imagine. The girls were every bit as attractive as I'd heard, yet not all the buxom blonde bombshells you read about.

In future weeks I'll be writing about the hockey methods, which have helped Sweden produce some of the finest hockey players in the world, but next week it's on to Munich, West Germany where we stayed at the '72 Olympic site and studied at the German Sports Institute.

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Pierre Pilote joins Hockey Hall of Fame greats



PIERRE P. PILOTE

HALTON HILLS resident and former National Hockey League super star defenseman, Pierre Pilote was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame Friday night. Pilote was a standout rearguard for over a decade with the Chicago Black Hawks and retired from hockey a few years ago. During his career he was awarded the Norris trophy as top defenseman in the league three seasons running and was also named to league all-star teams on seven occasions. Pilote took up farming in Halton Hills a few years ago and owns a farm near Speyside.

Omagh, Lowville final tied

After two games the championship series of the Halton Minor Softball midget girls series is deadlocked at a game each to Omagh and Lowville.

Omagh handled the visiting Lowville 12-10 on the Omagh diamond last week after the visiting Sam-Son Farms girls went down 15-11 in Lowville.

Sam Sons captured four runs in the first inning at Lowville, but Lowville charged back with strong batting in the late innings to coast to the win.

Karen Johnson was the best with an Omagh bat knocking away four hits while Nancy Townsend added three more including a home run.

Heather Eves and Nancy Townsend shared the pitching duties.

Coasting
Lowville was coasting with a 9-5 lead in Omagh when the roof caved in and Omagh recorded seven sixth inning runs. Lowville added another late run.

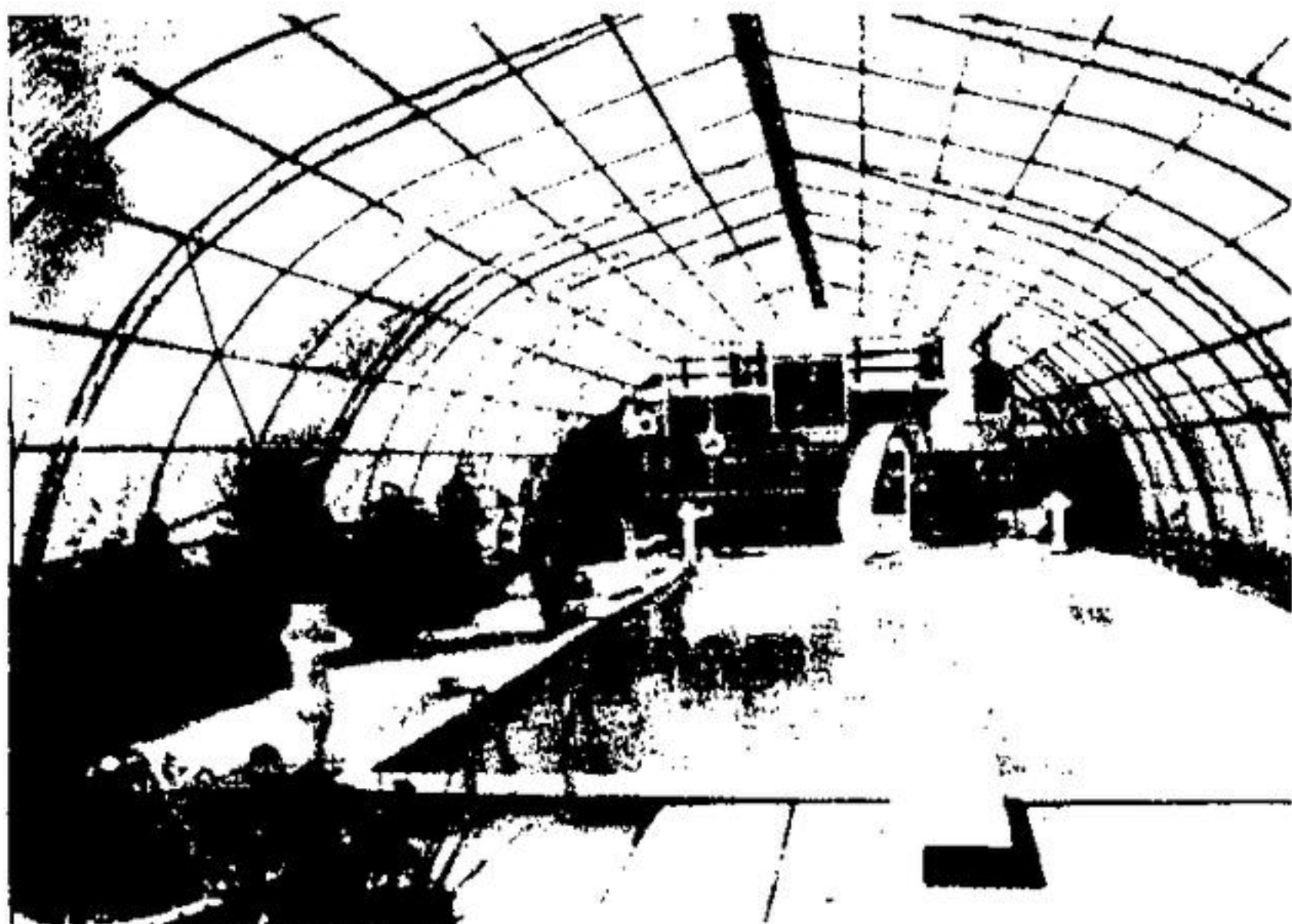
Heather Eves pitched most of the game, holding the opposition to eight hits and three walks. Batting best for Omagh was Terry Alkoma with four hits, Danica Wood, Heather Eves and Brenda Vivian with two hits.

The series third game was scheduled for Lowville Monday night.



UNVEILING of a plaque at the new agricultural museum was shared by three cabinet ministers, Solicitor-General George Kerr of Halton West, retiring Minister of Agriculture and Food William Stewart, and Halton East MPP and Minister of Government Services Jim Snow. Mr. Kerr represents the riding where the museum is located, Mr. Snow's department built it and Mr. Stewart's department will operate it.

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Since that time he has worked tirelessly to protect the environment of Ontario from senseless erosion and pollution. He helped found G.U.A.R.D. (Group United Against Rural Dumping). As Director of the Ontario Garbage Coalition, he has been a major voice, instrumental in preventing garbage dumping in many sections of Ontario. William A. Johnson, through his research, briefs and subsequent accomplishments is recognized as an expert in areas of environmental concern.

During the election campaign his concern for the environment will be shown by not adding to the intolerable cluttering of our countryside with election signs on public property. He has promised to remove all signs placed on the property of supporters immediately after Sept. 18. Bill is eager to meet and listen to concerned citizens of Halton-Burlington. With your help he pledges to preserve and build on what is good in your community.

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- HOUSING at reasonable cost is a social right not a vested interest.
- QUALITY EDUCATION is essential to a well balanced community. The decision making process must be returned to the local level with input from all persons affected.
- SENSIBLE LAND USE that preserves agricultural land and recreational space must go hand and hand with urban expansion.
- Regional Government can only work if local voices are heard in decisions that affect their lives. No new regional governments should be established until the weaknesses of the present areas have been eliminated.

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